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United States Patent Application

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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: "Method for Tenderizing Pork"

The specification of which

a. is attached hereto

b. x was filed on October 16, 2001 application serial no. 09/982,570 and was amended on (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. filed and as amended on (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (see page 3 attached hereto).

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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For Additional Inventors:

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Information relating to the following factual situations enumerated in 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 should be considered material under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a):

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (a) The invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States, or
- (c) he has abandoned the invention, or
- (d) the invention was first patented or caused to be patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate, by the applicant or his legal representatives or assigns in a foreign country prior to the date of the application for patent in this country on an application for patent or inventor's certificate filed more than twelve months before the filing of the application in the United States, or
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (f) he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented, or
- (g) before the applicant's invention thereof the invention was made in this country by another who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. In determining priority of invention there shall be considered not only the respective dates of conception and reduction to practice of the invention, but also the reasonable diligence of one who was first to conceive and last to reduce to practice, from a time prior to conception by the other.

35 U.S.C. § 103 - CONDITIONS FOR PATENTABILITY; NON-OBVIOUS SUBJECT MATTER

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

35 U.S.C. § 119 - BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY; RIGHT OF PRIORITY (Applicable Portion)

An application for patent for an invention filed in this country by any person who has, or whose legal representatives or assigns have, previously regularly filed an application for a patent for the same invention in a foreign country which affords similar privileges shall have the same effect as the same application would have if filed in this country on the date on which the application for patent for the same invention was first filed in such foreign country, if the application in this country is filed within twelve months from the earliest date on which such foreign application was filed; but no patent shall be granted on any application for patent for an invention which has been patented or described in a printed publication in any country more than one year before the date of the actual filing of the application in this country, or which had been in public use or on sale in this country more than one year prior to such filing.

35 U.S.C. § 120 - BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE IN THE UNITED STATES

An application for patent for an invention disclosed in the manner provided by the first paragraph of section 112 of this title in an application previously filed in the United States, or as provided by section 363 of this title, by the same invention shall have the same effect, as to such invention, as though filed on the date of the prior application, if filed before the patenting or abandonment of or termination of proceedings on the first application or on an application similarly entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the first application and if it contains or is amended to contain a specific reference to the earlier filed application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 - SPECIFICATION (Applicable Portion)

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make use the same, and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.



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Name: Micro-Tender Industries, Inc.Address: 5140 Race Court, Unit 1

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:

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B. Patent No.(s)

09/982,570

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ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

WHEREAS, I, James F. Teran having an address of 8972 Kittiwake Street, Highlands Ranch, Colorado 80126 (the "Applicant"), have invented certain new and useful improvements disclosed in United States Patent Application 09/982,570, titled "Method for Tenderizing Pork," filed October 16, 2001 (the "Patent Application"), and whereas I am now the sole owner of that Patent Application; and

WHEREAS Micro-Tender Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation, together with any successors, legal representatives or assigns (the "Assignee"), having a post office address of 5140 Race Court, Unit 1, Denver, Colorado 80216, wants to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, and said application and all divisions, substitutions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, and all applications claiming the benefit of said application, and all United States Letters Patents which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all priority rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for every member country, and all applications for patents (including related rights such as utility-model registrations, inventor's certificates, and the like) heretofore or hereafter filed for said improvements in any foreign countries, and all patents (including all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof) granted for said improvements in any foreign countries; and I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all patents for said improvements to Assignee in accordance with the terms of this assignment;

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith;

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to Assignee any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuations-in-part, substitute and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee to obtain and enforce proper patent

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 4TH day of

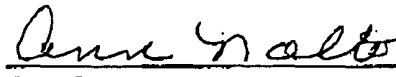
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James F. Teran

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On Dec 4, 2001, before the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared James F. Teran, known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above assignment, and acknowledged that he executed the same.


(Notary Public)

